

Section I:
AMENDMENT to the CLAIMS

1 - 12 (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A sealed bid sales offering system comprising:

a bid database in a network computer arrangement containing collected bids, [[said]] the collected bids each having an associated seal status indication field for indicating whether each bid is a sealed bid or is an unsealed bid;

a database query server querying [[said]] the bid database for unsealed bids which match parameters of a Broker Profile Matrix associated with a trader console, [[said]] the trader console comprising an intermediary third party user console communicably disposed between a bidder user console and broker user console, [[said]] the trader console operating to buy products or services from [[said]] the broker user console, and operating to resell [[said]] the bought products and services to [[said]] the bidder user console;

a bid transferor responsive to finding matching unsealed bids for [[said]] the trader console delivering [[said]] the matching unsealed bids to [[said]] the trader console, and preventing delivery of sealed bids to [[said]] the trader console; and

a display on [[said]] the trader console of [[said]] the delivered matching unsealed bids to a trader console user.

14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) The sealed bid sales offering system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein [[said]] the database query server comprises an Internet server.

16. (currently amended) The sealed bid sales offering system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein [[said]] the database query server comprises a Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP) server.

17. (currently amended) The sealed bid sales offering system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein

[[said]] the trader console comprises a web browser.

18. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein [[said]] the database query server retrieves unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet criteria including a trader's location code.

19. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein [[said]] the database query server retrieves unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet criteria including a match with a trader's goods category code.

20. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 13 further comprising a restricted access administrator console communicative with [[said]] the bid database converting sealed bids to unsealed bids.

21. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 13 further comprising a system clock or timer determining which seals of sealed bids have expired as a criteria for retrieving unsealed bids.

22. (currently amended) A sealed bid sales offering method comprising:
providing collected bids in a bid database in a network computer arrangement, [[said]] the
collected bids each having an associated seal status indication field for indicating
whether each bid is a sealed bid or is an unsealed bid;
querying by a database query server [[said]] the bid database for unsealed bids which match
parameters of a Broker Profile Matrix associated with a trader console, [[said]] the trader
console comprising an intermediary third party user console communicably disposed
between a bidder user console and broker user console;
operating by [[said]] the trader console to buy products or services from [[said]] the broker user
console;
operating by [[said]] the trader to resell [[said]] the bought products and services to [[said]] the
bidder user console;
responsive to finding matching unsealed bids for [[said]] the trader console, delivering by a bid
transferor [[said]] the matching unsealed bids to [[said]] the trader console wherein
delivery of delivery of sealed bids to [[said]] the trader console is prevented; and
displaying on [[said]] the trader console [[said]] the delivered matching unsealed bids to a trader
console user.

23. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 wherein [[said]] the querying
comprises a Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP) query.

24. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 further comprising providing a web
browser trader console.

25. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 wherein [[said]] the querying
comprises retrieving unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet criteria including a
trader's location code.

26. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 wherein ~~[[said]] the~~ querying comprises retrieving unsealed bids from ~~[[said]] the~~ bid database which meet criteria including a match with a trader's goods category code.

27. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 further comprising providing a restricted access administrator console communicative with ~~[[said]] the~~ bid database, and converting sealed bids to unsealed bids by ~~[[said]] the~~ administrator console.

28. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 further comprising using a system clock or timer to determine which seals of sealed bids have expired as a criteria for retrieving unsealed bids.

29. (currently amended) A computer readable memory comprising:
a computer readable memory suitable for encoding computer programs; and
one or more computer programs encoded by [[said]] the computer readable memory and
configured to:

provide collected bids in a bid database in a network computer arrangement, [[said]] the
collected bids each having an associated seal status indication field for indicating
whether each bid is a sealed bid or is an unsealed bid;
query by a database query server [[said]] the bid database for unsealed bids which match
parameters of a Broker Profile Matrix associated with a trader console, [[said]]
the trader console comprising an intermediary third party user console
communicably disposed between a bidder user console and broker user console;
operate by [[said]] the trader console to buy products or services from [[said]] the broker
user console;
operating by [[said]] the trader to resell [[said]] the bought products and services to
[[said]] the bidder user console;
responsive to finding matching unsealed bids for [[said]] the trader console, deliver by a
bid transferor [[said]] the matching unsealed bids to [[said]] the trader console
wherein delivery of delivery of sealed bids to [[said]] the trader console is
prevented; and
display on [[said]] the trader console [[said]] the delivered matching unsealed bids to a
trader console user.

30. (currently amended) The computer readable memory as set forth in Claim 29 wherein [[said]]
the querying comprises retrieving unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet
criteria including a trader's location code.

31. (currently amended) The computer readable memory as set forth in Claim 29 wherein [[said]]
the querying comprises retrieving unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet
criteria including a match with a trader's goods category code.